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Dear Mr Gatiba,

**RE: SENATOR BARACK OBAMA**

We have instructions from the Head of Civil Service and Secretary to the Cabinet carrying out directions of the Cabinet sub-committee on Security and Foreign Relations to investigate and report on efficacy of reports that Senator Barack Obama, the Democratic Party aspirant in the United States could be Kenyan-born. Further, numerous intelligence reports have suggested he might have been born in Mombasa at the Lady Grigg Maternity Wing of the Coast Provincial General Hospital.

However, there is no evidence within our records that supports this position, the information we in the ministry have is that some documents have been removed by unknown persons at unknown dates or are missing from birth registry records thus denting the prospects of uncovering the facts of this matter. This tampering, if confirmed, substitutes a serious offence that is punishable by law and it behooves your office to track down the culprits and bring them to justice. My officers have been instructed to fully cooperate as the Kenya Police Criminal Investigation Department performs this task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Kisombe', written over a horizontal line.

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Dear Ambassador Ranneberger,

**RE: BIRTH RECORDS FOR SENATOR BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA**

Your letter of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 refers. I wish to confirm that there are neither records nor evidence held by my ministry or any departments thereunder that suggest that Senator Barack Hussein Obama was born within the geographical confines of what is now known as the Republic of Kenya. Further, I am unable to confirm if any files from the births registry at the Coast Provincial General Hospital are missing or tampered with.

This matter is deemed very sensitive by the Kenya Government. As such, I would advise that you please direct any future enquiries on this subject through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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